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SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Aguilar, you had said something about this private operator will not determine how long people stay in jail. Did you make a statement to that effect?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, I believe I did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you...does Hall County have a work release program?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, they do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the one who operates the program will determine who goes on work release and who will be taken off work release. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if they wanted to say that a person had not been up to snuff, they could bring that person back inside the jail. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a person does not engage in good behavior, that person could lose good time. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I believe that's how it operates.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if you lose good time, what does that mean about the amount of time you spend in jail?

SENATOR AGUILAR: You're going to be there longer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're going to be there longer. So the one who determines whether you get good time or not does, to some extent, determine how long you're going to be in jail. Is that right?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That could happen.